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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2003/093028 A1 (SPIEGEL MICHAEL) 15 May 2003 (2003-05-15)	1
Y	page 2, column 1, line 25 - page 3, column 1, line 13; figures	2-11
Y	EP 1 138 348 A (MEDISCAN GMBH) 4 October 2001 (2001-10-04) abstract; figures 1-3	2-10
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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